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97 GSA Contracting Officials Inducted into the FY03 ANSWER Hall of Fame Sherrie Householder

Following a tremendous year in which 495 task orders were awarded for a total of \$881M in funded sales, the ANSWER GWAC Center is naming 97 Associates to the FY03 Hall of Fame. The Annual Hall of Fame recognizes GSA professionals for their outstanding client support via the ANSWER Contract and for their multi-million dollar projects across numerous and highly complex projects. Top honors for the FY03 Hall of Fame go to Jim Hartz, R4, Atlanta Office.

Again this year the ANSWER GWAC Center is also acknowledging, through its "Recognizing Excellence Award", the IT Solutions Directors in the top four organizations in which the ANSWER Contract is used. This year's recipients are; **Mark Aucello** (Region 3), **Roz Fullerton** (Region 4), **Felicia Jones** (Region 5), and **Paul Galassi** (Region 9).

ANSWER Hall of Fame Inductees for FY03 Top Honors – Jim Hartz

Barb Nystedt	Howard Martin	Randall Matlack	Paul Nagasawa
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Debra Wells	Kari Phippen	Sharon Hunter	George Fouts
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Francine Lessard	Long Nguyen	Tim Martin	
Christopher Anderson		Linda Wilson-Manuel	

Daniel Wilmoth Joins the ANSWER TEAM Anjanette Magante

The ANSWER GWAC Center is pleased to welcome Daniel Wilmoth, whose first day at the San Diego office was November 3, 2003. Dan joins us as a Contract Specialist and will be working on the Disaster Recovery and Virtual Data Center contracts. Dan was previously with the Navy Supervisor of Ship Building Conversion and Repair also located in San Diego, where he worked for four years. Welcome aboard, Dan!



ANSWER Helps Build a "Mission Multiplier" for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) *Monti Jagers and Stan Joosse*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) selected the ANSWER contract and ITS, one of the ANSWER Industry Partner teams to design, develop, and implement an integrated web solution. The CDC's mission – to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability – demands integrated and dynamic information sharing with public and private entities around the world. The integrated web solution brings together the information used and presented by 16 centers, institutes, and organizations into a user-centric environment. The CDC called for a large-scale change to their public web site and their intranet solution and architecture to meet the growing volume of over 3 million unique website visits per month and new content requirements from counter-terrorism officials, public health professionals, health policy leaders, media, scientists, consumers, and cross-organizational partners. The ITS Team coordinated with representatives from each of the 16 centers, institutes and organizations, jointly developing a new user-centric information architecture with a clear and consistent user experience and navigational schema.

Working directly with CDC's CIO/Director of Global Information Technology, ITS is leading the CDC through functional requirements and technical architecture analysis, system design and development, and global implementation of a robust web enterprise for CDC's integrated information needs. The current Web site is audience-responsive, has an integrated architecture with dynamic content management and search engine, metadata for personalization, customization, effective searching and secondary information delivery, and a first-ever indexed taxonomy for the classification of diseases and public health terminology. - a true "mission multiplier" for CDC.

Congress Passes Services Acquisition Reform Act (SARA)

Monti Jagers

The Services Acquisition Reform Act (SARA) was incorporated into the FY2004 Defense Authorization Act, which has been passed by the Senate and the House and is currently on the President's desk for signature. The President is expected to sign the Authorization Act and the long awaited SARA will soon become law. This important piece of legislation will significantly change the way the government buys services. SARA's passage extends to service contracting the commercial reforms of the 1996 Clinger-Cohen Act, which focused on contracting for products. Representative Tom Davis, Chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, introduced the controversial bill over two years ago and both Government and Industry have followed its progress. According to Chairman Davis, the passage of SARA is a "huge win for fans of good government". SARA changes federal acquisition in the following areas:

- Elevates the roles of acquisition in accomplishing agency missions
- Focuses on results and quality achieved through acquisition
- Expands commercial item contracting options
- Recognizes the importance of recruiting, training, and maintaining a strong acquisition workforce

SARA defines acquisition as far broader than procurement or contracting. Acquisition is the process that begins with mission or program planning, extending through performance planning and budgeting, procurement and contract award, and managing the performance of the contract. SARA also provides several specific means to focus on achieving results including an incentive to use performance-based acquisitions, an expanded definition of commercial items with a focus on outcomes, and establishment of a Center for Excellence for Services Contracting.

The new legislation authorizes use of Time and Material and Labor Hour contract types for commercial services and creates an acquisition workforce-training program using fees collected under Government-wide acquisition contracts, including ANSWER and Millennia. SARA establishes within GSA an acquisition workforce-training fund to be managed by the Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI). The fund will be financed by depositing 5% of the fees collected by various executive agencies under Government-wide contracts.



November Events

Date: 12/1-12/5

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Event: Solutions Edu – Project Management Training

Date: 12/9-12/11

Location: Springfield, VA

Event: Solutions Edu – Source Selection Training

Date: 12/15-12/19

Location: Korea

Event: Solutions Edu – Contracting 101 Training

Date: 12/17

Location: San Diego, CA

Event: ANSWER Board Meeting

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